RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

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Approving the One Minneapolis One Read 2013 Book Selection: A Choice of Weapons by Gordon Parks.

Whereas, One Minneapolis One Read, a community-wide read program, began in 2011; and

Whereas, the One Minneapolis One Read presenting jurisdictions are the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and Minneapolis Public Schools; and

Whereas, One Minneapolis One Read leadership will also include representatives from higher education, the business community, the literary community, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; and

Whereas private financial support and in-kind contributions are sought to support One Minneapolis One Read; and

Whereas, a book has been selected to provide a vehicle for conversations on diversity, inclusiveness, integration and race; and

Whereas, the book corresponds with the One Minneapolis One Read goals:

- Bring family members and neighbors together around the joy of reading and discussion;
- Encourage conversation about race, family relationships and neighborhood history;
- Reconnect neighbors and family members separated by race, culture and generational divide; and
- Build a welcoming community that is willing to preserve and learn our history in the context of race:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council does hereby encourage all Minneapolis residents to read A Choice of Weapons by Gordon Parks as part of the 2013 One Minneapolis One Read.